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Ex-CIA Chief Drops A Hint

Allen Dulles, the former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, learned to keep his mouth shut long ago. Now that he's no longer America's "No. 1 spy," however, he's still about as loquacious as a clam.

So when Mr. Dulles is asked for details of the disastrous Cuban invasion, he usually brushes off his questioners by referring them to other government agencies—or to his few past utterances on the subject.

But the ex-chief of U.S. intelligence did drop a recent remark that confirmed—if only by implication—much of what has been written about the debacle in the Bay of Pigs. Appearing on "Meet The Press," Mr. Dulles observed that air support (lack of it) had played an important role in the abortive attempt to oust Cuban Communist boss Fidel Castro.

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